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1. A conference of the Hanoi Front was held on 15 December 1951 at Ngoc Farm in Thanh Hoa Province. Leaders of the conference were the Hanoi Front Commander Tran Vy and its Administrative Commissar, Nguyen Quang Thanh. The major decision reached was that an administrative reduction in the front should be effected. As a result Thai Hy and Tran Vy now command all the functions of the Front. Vy Hai was transferred to the 52 Regiment, 320 Division as Deputy Commander.

2. The Hanoi Front is now composed of the following units:

- a. The forces inside Hanoi which consists of the 802 Battalion which is composed of the following units:

- (1) The 220 Company which is commanded by Nguyen Tuan.
- (2) The 203 Company which is commanded by Hoang Nam.
- (3) The 194 Company which is commanded by Kham (fnu)
- (4) The 3 Company which is commanded by Pham Khoat.

The personnel of these four companies are already in Hanoi, but Nguyen Tuan and Hoang Nam have remained outside of Hanoi for political training.

- b. The forces outside of Hanoi consist of the 812 Battalion which is commanded by Nguyen Dinh and Ha Giap.

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3. Two general plans of action are currently being pursued by the Hanoi Front.
- a. They are gathering strength in preparation for the general offensive.
 - b. They have combined the overt functions of the military group with the functions of the covert security groups. As a result, all members of these groups are now underground and must be provided with the proper papers for free movement in the French-controlled zone.

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